S
ince coming home from World Youth Day, the most frequent question I am asked is, “How was it?” Met with an earnest desire to hear about Poland, I find myself struggling to come up with a few words to express what happened. This is mostly because I am still unpacking the World Youth Day experience, as well as my actual backpack. Some days, I’m quick to answer, “It was hard!” On most days, I simply say it was amazing, because it was. Still, on other days, I bumble around for words while I put on a large smile to cover my incoherent rambling.

The word that encompasses World Youth Day is “dziękuję.” Dziękuję is the Polish word for “thank you.” It was the word I heard the most during our time in Poland. Admittedly, it was the only Polish word I learned. I’m finding that the overwhelming response I have to World Youth Day is humbling gratitude. I am thankful for Poland, for our parish, for our pilgrims, for our Pope. I am thankful for challenging conversations and spiritual reflections; for dancing, and laughing, and pouring rain.

I am also grateful for our twelve pilgrims. They fully immersed themselves into the unknown, uncomfortable, and unwashed. I am excited to continue to unpack the experience with them, to share memories, and laugh at how ridiculous yet awesome it all was. Their time at World Youth Day will continue to unfold in their lives in ways they cannot imagine. What an adventure!

—Teresa Marie Cariño, Pastoral Associate

It is difficult to encapsulate the electric atmosphere of such an experience; yet, Pope Francis, in his trademark pithy style, sums it up perfectly:

“Mercy always has a youthful face!” This is one of the most fruitful meditations that I brought home with me. “Because a merciful heart,” states Pope Francis, “is motivated to move beyond its comfort zone. A merciful heart can go out and meet others; it is ready to embrace everyone.”

I loved being surrounded by the young “catholic” or “universal” Church in Poland. Our special group of pilgrims truly warmed my heart and embodied every detail of Pope Francis’ description of World Youth Day. I continue to thank God for gifting us with such a joyful experience.

— Carly-Anne Gannon, Director of Religious Education

This year’s World Youth Day event was in Krakow, Poland, which I attended with my brother and parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Church. Although I am only thirteen (the rest of the group were older teenagers), they welcomed me warmly. I joined barely knowing anyone but, during the event, we bonded and became close friends.

The experience was truly amazing and memorable. We sang “Jesus, You Are My Life” on the tram with Italians, danced with Portuguese at Field Misericordia, and “dabbed” (a type of dance move) with Cardinal Dolan. We saw Catholics from around the world and experienced fabulous Polish hospitality. What amazed me most though, was meeting Catholics from countries where the Church is persecuted. Defying all hardships, they still practice their faith!

My takeaways from this experience? First: we must be merciful to everyone and love them, regardless of their appearance, religion, or political views. We are all Children of God. Second: be thankful for what you have. We saw a movie about the troubled lives of persecuted Catholics. In perspective, my problems are nothing compared to being killed for my faith. Lastly, the Church is for the young as well as the old. Some young people think it’s not “cool” to go to church. To them the Church is for older people. But what I saw at World Youth Day showed me that the Church is very much for the young too.

Now that I’m back, my challenge is to live what I learned.

— Piotr Kozlowski, Member, Ignite! Teen Ministry
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
Choral Elements: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. 7:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming many visitors and new parishioners. We especially welcome those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic. If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish that will begin in the Fall.

A group will meet during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

This process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@saintignatiusloyola.org

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER
An interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

Tuesday Mornings, October 4th – December 7th*, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Wednesday Evenings, October 5th – December 7th*, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
*Note: No meetings on Tuesday, November 22nd or Wednesday November 23rd, Thanksgiving Week. Both sessions will conclude at the evening meeting on Wednesday, December 7th.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, October 4th, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

To register, email emmausbereavementgroup@gmail.com

HISTORICAL FACT OF THE WEEK
As we approach our Sesquicentennial Celebration in October, we will be featuring snippets of the rich and varied history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

The first Jesuit pastor was Fr. Victor Beaudevin, S.J. in 1866. He was the 4th pastor of the parish.

PRAYER RESOURCES
Pray as You Go
www.pray-as-you-go.org
Pray as You Go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.

3-Minute Retreats
www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm
Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

We extend a warm welcome to Rabbi Scott Bolton and the members of Congregation Or Zarua, who will be using Wallace Hall between October 2nd and October 12th as they observe the High Holy Days.

Moving? Please don’t forget to notify us. This information helps us to keep our database current.
IGNITIAN YOUNG ADULTS

**Sunday Social Fall Schedule**
The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21–39) are welcome.

**Sunday Social Dates**
- Sept. 25
- Oct. 16
- Nov. 13
- Dec. 11

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY

**Saturday, October 8th**
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the Parish Lounge
All high school students are welcome!

Ignite is a Catholic community of high school students rooted in the Ignatian way of prayer, service, and community. We meet twice a month on Saturdays from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

All are welcome to come and check us out.

To register, visit https://goo.gl/forms/fUpawgmEXNRGJjc53

BOOMERS & BEYOND

**Join other 50+ Catholics for**

BOOMERS & BEYOND AT THE MET

**Saturday, October 1st at 5:00 PM**
Metropolitan Museum of Art

Come join us for this first event of the new season—a private tour of the exhibit *Jerusalem 1000–4000: Every People Under Heaven*, which is the first exhibit to unravel the various cultural traditions and aesthetic strands that enriched and enlivened the medieval city.

After the tour, enjoy a cocktail, conversation, and the spectacular view at sunset at The Roof Garden (cash bar).

Meet at 4:30 PM by the “Group Tickets Desk” inside the Great Hall (on the left).

Cost: $25 (Pre-paid reservations only)
Send check to: Boomers & Beyond, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola
980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Checks must be received by tomorrow.

Space is limited.

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

**Monday, September 26th**
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

The Ranger Rosary ministry, which started at St. Ignatius in August 2009, meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services. These combat rosaries are constructed from materials with no metal parts that might reflect light or make a rattling noise.

New members are always welcome!

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

**Saturday, October 15th at the 5:30 PM Mass**

All parishioners are invited to attend the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 15. This liturgy is designed so that the community can support our brothers and sisters who face the trials of illness or aging.

During the course of the Mass, all those who feel the need of healing and strength because of illness, physical weakness or spiritual distress will be invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Calling All Volunteers**

**Shelter Information Session**

**Monday, October 17th**
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be sponsoring a women’s shelter every other weekend in Wallace Hall from November through April. The shelter season begins the weekend of November 4th.

New and experienced volunteers are invited to join us for the information session and learn more about this ministry to the homeless. Refreshments will be served.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For more information, email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

Special Collection

Next weekend our Parish will take up the annual collection for **St. Joseph’s Seminary**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, September 26th** *(Twenty-sixth Monday in Ordinary Time)*
- 8:30  MEM  Emil Wittek
- 12:10  MEM  Irene Kent Tenga
- 5:30  MEM  Max Link

**Tuesday, September 27th** *(St. Vincent de Paul)*
- 8:30  MEM  Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family
- 12:10  MEM  Rosina & Daniel Tenga
- 5:30  MEM  Kennedy O’Grady

**Wednesday, September 28th** *(Twenty-sixth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)*
- 8:30  MEM  The Choix & Gordon Families
- 12:10  MEM  Eileen Raftery
- 5:30  MEM  Olga Abi-Hassoun

**Thursday, September 29th** *(SS. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael)*
- Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14  Psalm 138  John 1:47–51
- 8:30  MEM  Michael Waters
- 12:10  MEM  Jean Currier
- 5:30  MEM  Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

**Friday, September 30th** *(St. Jerome)*
- 8:30  MEM  Florence & Tomas McCarthy
- 12:10  MEM  Elizabeth Sciutto
- 5:30  MEM  William Powers

**Saturday, October 1st** *(Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus)*
- 8:30  MEM  James Molloy, Sr.

**Sunday, October 2nd** *(Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)*
- Habakkuk 1:2–3, 2:2–4  Psalm 95
- 2 Timothy 1:–8, 13–14  Luke 17:5–10

OPEN HOUSES FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

**Convent of the Sacred Heart** *(www.cshnyc.org)*
- 1 East 91st Street
- Grade 9 Open House for interested girls and their families
- Friday, October 7, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
- To RSVP (required), email imullin@cshnyc.org or call 212-722-4745 x300

**Dominican Academy** *(www.dominicanacademy.org)*
- 44 East 68th Street
- An invitation for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and their families
- Saturday, October 15, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- For more information, contact Ms. Madeleine Metzler at 212-744-0195 or mmetzler@dominicanacademy.org

**Loyola School**
- 980 Park Avenue (enter at the corner of 83rd Street)
- An invitation for 8th grade students and their families
- Thursday, October 6, 5:30 PM and Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 PM
- RSVP online at www.loyolanyc.org

**Marymount School**
- 1026 Fifth Avenue
- Upper School Open House
- Tuesday, October 25, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- RSVP online at www.marymountnyc.org

**Notre Dame School** *(www.cheznous.org)*
- 327 West 13th Street
- Annual Open House for 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents
- Sunday, October 30, 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
- For more information, call 212-620-5575

**Regis High School** *(www.regis-nyc.org)*
- 55 East 84th Street
- An invitation for 8th grade boys and their parents
- Wednesday, October 5, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM for Bronx, Manhattan, and Westchester residents
- Monday, October 10, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM for all others
- For more information, contact Eric Di Michele at 212-288-1100 or edimichele@regis-nyc.org

**Saint Jean Baptiste High School** *(www.stjean.org)*
- 173 East 75th Street
- A college preparatory program for young women
- Saturday, October 15, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- For more information, email admissions@stjean.org

**St. Vincent Ferrer High School** *(www.saintvincentferrer.com)*
- 151 East 65th Street
- A Catholic college preparatory school for girls
- An invitation for 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents
- Saturday, October 15, noon until 3:30 PM

**Xavier High School**
- 30 West 16th Street
- An Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and their families
- Saturday, October 22, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- For more information, visit www.xavierhs.org

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS!

The TACHS (Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools) will be administered in the Archdiocese of New York on **Friday, November 4th**.

Online registration is available 7 days a week by going to the website www.tachsinfo.com or by calling 1-866-618-2247.

The deadline for internet/telephone registration is **Monday, October 17th**.

For additional details, visit tachsinfo.com or call the TACHS Admission Office at 1-866-618-2247.
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

**Hancock Air**

**Gabrieli** *Kindle the gift of God*

**Gabrieli** *Cantate Domino*

**Gabrieli** *Canzon francese*

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**Choral Elements:**

**Earth, Air, Fire and Water**

*Wednesday, September 28th, 7:00 PM*

The four elements—earth, air, fire and water—portrayed in lush pieces for choir, harp and string quartet by W.A. Mozart, Gustav Holst, Frank Ferko, Frank Ticheli, John Kennedy, and others. Includes a New York premiere by composer Julia Adolphe and poet Nahal Navidar.

**Tickets:** $25–$80

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**Water, Wind and Fire:**

**The Holy Spirit in the New Testament**

*Presented by Mr. Brian Pinter*

**Six Sessions Beginning October 19th**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Room**

Our ancestors in faith have long been aware of God’s immediate presence and impact on the human experience. Through their sacred writings they sought to express their sense of God’s creative, redeeming, inspiring power. Their metaphors and names for this mysterious but palpable presence evolved over the centuries until they came to call this energy the Holy Spirit.

Our study and discussion will explore the work of the Spirit as recorded in the New Testament, especially the writing of Luke, John, and Paul. We will seek to examine also how the biblical record impacted later theology of the Holy Spirit in the developing Christian Tradition.

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**Brian Pinter** is the former Chaplain and Teacher of Theology at Regis High School. He is currently the Education Associate and Bible scholar-in-residence at Christ Church United Methodist. Mr. Pinter holds degrees in theology and religion from St. Joseph’s and Fordham Universities.

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**Ignacio de Loyola: A Film Screening**

*Thursday, October 6th, 7:00 PM*

**Wallace Hall**

Join director Paolo Dy for a screening of *Ignacio de Loyola*, a feature film based on the memoirs of St. Ignatius Loyola.

*A question and answer period with Paolo will follow.*

Filmed over 20 days on location in Spain, *Ignacio de Loyola* made its debut in June at the Vatican Film Library in Vatican City, the first Philippine film to do so.

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**Philippine Madrigal Singers**

*Thursday, October 13th, 7:00 PM*

Under the direction of Mark Anthony Carpio, the Philippine Madrigal Singers are UNESCO Artists for Peace, “putting fame and influence at the service of UNESCO’s ideals and efforts to promote cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace.”

The Madz is one of the most awarded choral groups in the world, having consistently won all top prizes in major choral competitions.

The group has a virtuosic repertoire range while continuing to promote Filipino choral works. The group sings in a distinctive seated semicircle without a conductor.

**Tickets:** $35–$80

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**Jesuits in the Americas: Zipoli and His World**

*Friday, October 28th, 7:00pm*

Celebrating St. Ignatius Loyola’s 150th anniversary as a Jesuit parish, this concert centers on the music of 18th-century Jesuit composer Domenico Zipoli and his contemporaries in the missions of Bolivia and Paraguay.

**Tickets:** $35–$80

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We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)

*Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.*
Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Every Sunday, 3:15 PM–5:30 PM. Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

After School Tutors Needed. The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in great need of after-school tutors and homework helpers to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children (Kindergarten to 3rd grade). Sessions are held at the Center, 333 East 115th Street (between First Avenue and Second Avenue) on Mondays and Wednesdays (for tutoring) or Tuesdays and Thursdays (for homework helpers). A semester-long commitment is required. Tutoring will begin the second week of October. For more information, contact tgough@lsafhs.org or visit littlesistersfamily.org

ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors. Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

40 Days for Life  
A peaceful non-denominational initiative that focuses on forty days of prayer, fasting, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. This fall’s campaign will be held September 23–November 1. To learn more, visit www.40daysforlife.com

For your convenience  
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org